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THE SAME, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING METAL HALIDE LAMP

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

In order to ensure compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following references which are also listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and were cited in an April 29, 2005 official Communication and European Search Report in a corresponding European patent application. Copies of the references are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-3**.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,023,059, issued May 10, 1977 to Anderson (Exhibit 1);
2. International Publication No. WO 98/07537, published February 26, 1998 (Exhibit 2); and
3. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 274 118 A2, published January 8, 2003 (Exhibit 3).

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Applicant also submits herewith as **Exhibit B** a copy of the April 29, 2005 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 03 25 7051.

Applicant states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The date of mailing of the Communication enclosing the European Search Report is April 29, 2005, and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is being timely filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. According to information received by the undersigned attorneys from Applicant's Japanese patent attorneys who provide instructions concerning prosecution of this application to the undersigned, the April 29, 2005 communication was received by them on May 16, 2005.

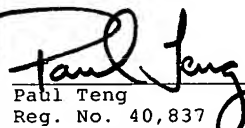
If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

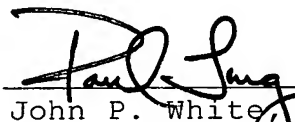
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Respectfully submitted,

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